

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Gardenhire

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Halie Gass Forstner on the celebration of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Halie Gass Forstner will be honored by friends and family on March 28, 2016, in celebration of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

WHEREAS, Halie Gass Forstner was born on Sand Mountain in Dade County, Georgia, in 1911, to Garrett Lee and Minnie Nicholas Gass; and

WHEREAS, the Great Depression brought Mrs. Forstner's family to Saint Elmo in Hamilton County, Tennessee, in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Halie Gass graduated from Chattanooga City High School with highest honors in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Halie Gass married Charles Manning Forstner in 1938, and she and her husband supported the country's war effort during the Second World War as civilian employees at Fort Pickett in Blackstone, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Halie and Charles Forstner returned to Chattanooga, where she worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga Medicine Company, and Loveman's Department Store, along with other jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Forstner has a keen intellect, which she exhibits in her pastimes of writing poetry, keeping abreast of current events, and recalling names, places, and dates; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Forstner is a Ruling Elder at Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church, EPC; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Forstner is one of the most beloved citizens of the Lookout Valley neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mrs. Halie Gass Forstner on the celebration of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.